

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 3, 2008.

Claims 1-22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ng, et al. (US Patent 6,285,366) in view of Brassard et al. (US Patent 6,769,095), Microsoft Windows ("Windows Explorer") copyright ©1981-2001 and Dolan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,801,702).

Claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 214 have been amended to add the feature that "at least one desktop can be created and modified, the at least one desktop providing user-based views of a portal, entitlements on the at least one desktop allow the at least one desktop to be used by specific users or groups; wherein at least one selectable template is used to create the at least one desktop such that the at least one desktop is pre-configured with portal components". This feature is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art.

For this reason, these claims are believed to be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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